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Amendment Dated January 23, 2008
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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 27, 2007, claims 9, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2; claims 6, 7, 9, 10, and 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,731,642 (Borella) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,085,267 (Carey).

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-5, and the indication that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claim 20 has been incorporated into claim 6 to place claim 6 in condition for allowance.

Claims 9, 16, and 17 have been amended to address the § 112, ¶ 2, rejections.

Claim 6 has been amended to replace "VoIP call" with "communications session." Moreover, claim 6 has been amended to replace "an address translator" with "at least one address translator." This is intended to allow claim 6 to cover the embodiment of Fig. 2 (which has one address translator), or the embodiment of Fig. 4 (which has two address translators). It is not believed that the amendment of claim 6 (and former claim 20) has made substantive changes that would require a new search to be conducted by the Examiner. Therefore, entry of this amendment and the allowance of claim 6 would be appropriate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Independent claims 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 have been amended to recite subject matter according to the indication of allowability of former claim 20. It is thus believed that each of these amended independent claims are also in condition for allowance. Since this amendment has been made to place claims in condition for allowance, entry of the amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.


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Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0181US).

Respectfully submitted,

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